JIPE JUL 2 1 2003 A RADEMARK OF IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: Attorney Docket No. 06484.0070 Customer No. 22,852 PATENT Fu-Sheng Chen Application No.: 09/802,924 Group Art Unit: 2836 Filed: March 12, 2001 Examiner: Nguyen, D ELECTROSTATIC CHUCK TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800 SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING THE SAME Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: In reply to the Office Action dated April 21, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. This response is due by July 21, 2003, and is timely filed. IN THE CLAIMS: Please cancel claims 2 and 10-16, without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claim 1, and add new claim 19 as follows: (Amended) A chuck system for supporting a semiconductor wafer, comprising: 1. a chuck platform for supporting the semiconductor wafer; and FINNEGAN HENDERSON FARABOW GARRETT & DUNNERLLP a lift structure movably coupled with the chuck platform to receive the 1300 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 202.408.4000 semiconductor wafer, including Fax 202.408.4400 www.finnegan.com